

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 2-8, 2004

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across this nation, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, and their hard work and efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as educators, listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

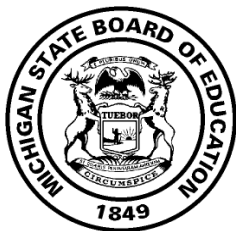
WHEREAS, teachers continue to have a positive influence on us, even when our school days are only memories; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers through several quality initiatives, including the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and the Milken National Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, the National Parent Teacher Association has declared May 2-8, 2004, Teacher Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Teacher Appreciation Week is to raise national, state, and local awareness of the importance of teaching in our society, and is a profession that touches the lives of millions of Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education supports the National Teacher Appreciation Week initiative, and encourages schools and communities to appropriately recognize that teachers are vital to our society.



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